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Fast Trains Arrive Late

The Broadway Limited, the Pennsylvania's twenty-two-car express, New York and Chicago, was thirty-five minutes late in reaching this city yesterday afternoon. The New Yorker, the Louis express, arrived on the Pennsylvania two and a half hours late. The Keystone Express, which was reported one hour late. All trains from the south were running far behind schedule and on-time traffic on this division was reported to be completely interrupted.

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Vigilance Net Spreads

Railroad System Girdled in Search for the Disease; 33 Patients Improving

Vermont-infested immigrants continue to arrive by boat and train while the typhus threat still hangs over the city. Inspectors of the Health Department examined 630 immigrants yesterday and found it necessary to send twenty-five of them to the Willard Parker Hospital to be deloused. Mail was examined and found to be clean.

The vigilante circle girdles the railroad system as well as the waterfront. Early yesterday afternoon a train crawled into Grand Central Station from Boston. It had twenty-two immigrants aboard. They were examined by city health inspectors and for the first time since the trains came under supervision, an entire group passed out of the station with a clean bill of health.

Health Commissioner Copeland said that of the 630 arrivals by train and boat, 330 were bound for points outside of New York City.

Great Danger of Spread

"It is not only for our own good that we must guard the portals of the city," said Dr. Copeland. "It can readily be seen how typhus germs could be disseminated all over the country were immigrants to be shipped to their various destinations in an unclean condition. The city will keep up this work. We do not intend, for lack of precautionary measures which it is in our power to take to have an epidemic of typhus enter through this gateway of immigration and take foothold as did the Spanish influenza epidemic some years ago. I believe the Federal officials are coming to view our rigorous measures against the admission of vermin-infested immigrants into the city in a kinder light."

Dr. Copeland said that the case of Jack Lansalotta, a seven-year-old boy who arrived from an Italian port on the Dunzeiro, is still under suspicion. He is at the Kingston Avenue Hospital, Brooklyn, and it has not been determined whether he has typhus or measles.

Activities at the Quarantine Station were delayed yesterday on account of the storm. Several boats came in for the work of inspection went on, but Dr. Leland E. Confer, Health Officer of the port, said last night that several dubious cases would be held over until tomorrow. This was a precautionary measure, as the day was dark and snowy and it was difficult to determine symptoms.

The thirty-three typhus patients now at Hoffman Island are improving steadily. All are on the road to recovery except one woman, and it is expected that she will live. Danger of infection from them is over. The climate is distinctly in their favor, Dr. Confer says.

\$200,000 Fund Asked

The Quarantine Station is still under control of the state, although Dr. Confer is awaiting word of the transfer. He has learned that the transfer may have been received at Albany. When the station is officially handed over the person in charge will be responsible to the State Department at Washington. Dr. Confer is a member of the United States Public Health Service in addition to being the state port Health Officer in charge of Quarantine.

It is considered likely that he will remain in charge when the station is taken over by the government. An appropriation of \$200,000 has been asked for the State Department at Washington for additional facilities for the disinfecting and delousing of immigrants after the transfer has been effected.

Officials at Ellis Island reported that they took 400 immigrants from the Latin land yesterday and found them all clean. The 1,400 passengers of the Celtic will not be touched until the latter part of the week, as it is impossible to keep up with the incoming tide of immigrants. The stowage passengers of ten ships are waiting in the port to be examined and released.

A Greek ship that the Ellis Island and the city health authorities expected yesterday is still held up at Quarantine. The 1,165 passengers of the Italian liner, President Wilson, who have been held up at Hoffman Island and for observation are now released to the Ellis Island authorities. The Holland American liner Rotterdam diverted her passengers to Boston and is expected to land there this morning. The Red Star liner Zealand also will leave her passengers from Antwerp at that port.

Byron H. Uhl, Deputy Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, denied a statement attributed to him that "additional facilities were not needed at Ellis Island."

"On the contrary, we need additional facilities in the worst way," he said yesterday. "We have asked for them."

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Merchants with capital invested amounting to \$20,000 or more must contribute 1 per cent of their net profit at the end of each year. It is specified that the proceeds can be used only for educational and industrial purposes.

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Freighter Freed After Grounding Off Coney

U. S. Shipping Board Vessel Also in Distress 35 Miles Southeast of Barnegat

The Naval Communication Service in Whitehall Street early yesterday morning picked up the distress signal of the first ship to fall afloat of the storm which has been raging for several miles out to sea.

This S. O. S. call came from the United American Freighter Gold Harbor, which in the blinding gale, had been swept perilously close in shore. Shortly after receiving this call, the freighter was reported around off West Fifth Street, Coney Island.

Two wrecking tugs which were rushed to the assistance of the freighter succeeded at high tide last night in working the vessel, which reached this port last Saturday from Bermuda, off the shore. The ship was picking her way along the New Jersey coast when she was swept off her course.

Later in the day the United States Naval Communication Service picked up a second distress signal from the steamship Wyoming, of the United States Shipping Board. The report said that the ship had lost two blades from her propeller and was making port at greatly reduced speed. She gave her position as thirty-five miles Southeast of Barnegat.

The Wyoming, which is a vessel of 2,000 tons, left Naples via Boston, January 11 and was forced into Bermuda on account of boiler trouble.

Cat in Distress Calls

Police Aid by Telephone

Knocks Off Receiver Struggling to Free Foot From Ice Box and Operator Hears Cries

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 20.—The cries of a pet cat into the mouthpiece of a telephone at a house on West Third Street to-day brought out a big detachment of police and plain clothed men, who were called to investigate and possibly saving a life.

A telephone operator at the central exchange called the Police Department and informed the desk sergeant that cries of distress were coming from the telephone at the Third Street house. A patrol wagon full of policemen was hurried to the scene and surrounded the house. Repeated knocks at the door brought no answer and the officers forced an entrance. They found the cat with one of its feet caught in the ice chest. In its struggle to get free it had knocked the receiver from the telephone, which was lying on the floor, and was crying directly into the mouthpiece for help.

The family was found from home.

Snow 18 Inches Deep in Cumberland Mountains

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 20.—Eighteen inches of snow fell in the mountains west of this place and twelve

inches fell here—the heaviest of the season. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has been running snowplows east and west and a snow tractor is being used by the State Roads Commission to open the national pike. The forest fires have been extinguished.

Foot-Deep Snow Blanket Falls Over New England

Unemployment Makes Many Available to Attack Drifts; Two Barge Crews Rescued

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—New England was buried to the tops of its fence posts tonight by the first real blizzard of the winter. Snow that began to fall about daybreak continued well into the night until the precipitation in sheltered places measured more than a foot and in districts where the strong northerly gale could work unhampered roads were badly drifted.

Railroads serving this section generally reported little difficulty and service for the most part was normal. Unemployment came to the rescue of the roads, for there were many men available for shoveling out yards and switches. Forecasts from the weather bureau said "fair to-morrow," and reported that the storm would gradually be dropping to-night. The mercury was blowing itself out. The mercury was dropping to-night.

Vessels off the coast snuggled closely to their berths having received warnings of the storm in time to find refuge, and the only disaster reported came from Cape Cod, where the barges Thunderbolt and Tuckahoe broke away from a tow and were battered by the heavy seas off Highland light. The crews of both were rescued by coast guardsmen by means of the breeches buoy.

Ships in 48-Mile Wind Seek Shelter at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 20.—A severe storm was sweeping this section of the coast to-night, and vessels were seeking shelter in Lynn Haven Bay and other points. At Cape Henry to-night the wind reached a velocity of forty-eight miles, blowing directly from the north.

Reports indicate that the schooner Carroll A. Deering, which went ashore on Diamond Shoals three weeks ago, is breaking up under the lash of high seas. The crew of the steamer has never been found, and their fate becomes each day more likely to be added to the list of mysteries of the sea.

Broadway Snow Sculptor's Hopes Blasted by Police

Youth Forced to Retreat When Washington Bust Admirers Grow Too Numerous

A nameless aspirant to fame as a sculptor, driven north from the habitat of nameless sculptors in Greenwich Village by yesterday's storm, hatless and wanting clay and the usual tools of his art, was successful last night in impressing pedestrians on upper Broadway with his talent that he finally incurred the wrath of the Police Department.

The young sculptor, timely in the choice of his subject, alighted from a northbound Broadway car at Broadway and Forty-ninth Street, and, stopping before the highest drift, rapidly began to carve a bust of Washington out of the snow.

So deftly and so rapidly did this young man work that before long the striking likeness to the first President, which literally grew out of the snow bank, had attracted a large crowd.

As the work of art began to approach completeness the admirers had gathered in such large numbers that the traffic policeman was forced to threaten to arrest the young sculptor unless he moved along. To the great disappointment of the admiring crowd he decided to move along.

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